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Another Eventful Year

ANOTHER eventful year is nearing its end for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Eventful in the growth and development that has come to it as a result of the faithfulness of the saints throughout the world.

The completion of the temples in Switzerland and California—the beginning of one in England, and the selection of temple sites in other parts of the world—the completion of hundreds of fine places of worship in the stakes and the missions, all are noteworthy events in the building up of the Kingdom of God on the earth in our day.

The continued growth in Church membership is vigorous. A quarter of a century ago missionaries in Great Britain proudly spoke of a Church membership of 675,000. Today it is more than double that figure. In fact, the Church has doubled its population every twenty-two years and the future would appear to be even more promising.

Yes, collectively the Church is sound; its continued growth is assured; its future one of glorious promise. The Church is here to stay—the Lord has promised that it would never again be taken from the earth.

Now let us speak of individuals. The Church is a group of individuals organised into a system of practice and worship best suited to accomplish God's purposes. Have we as individual members of the Church kept abreast of the collective progress of the Church? Well might we ask ourselves this question: What growth and development has come to the Church in Great Britain in 1955 as a result of my faith and my service? Much peace of mind can be ours if we have been valiant in His service and blessed is he who can justly feel that his devotion to the ideals and divine purposes of the Church of Christ is comparable to the collective achievements of the Church.

I urge you to diligence, while the day lasts, to do all in your power in the great work of building up the Kingdom of God.

“Knowing everything that might be done is knowledge
Knowing what is right to do is wisdom
Doing it is character.”

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9

1955 . . .

MEMORABLE AND SIGNIFICANT

. . . 1955

By President A. Hamer Reiser

LATTER-DAY Saints in Great Britain have enjoyed through the memorable year 1955 several significant evidences of the world-embracing nature of the brotherhood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

It is good to be a Latter-day Saint in Great Britain when we can enjoy the companionship of the numerous visitors, such as the generous numbers who have visited us this year. Though undertaking to name any exposes us to the risk of unintentionally omitting some when we want to omit none, we take the risk mainly by way of illustrating the nature and range of personalities who have come to these shores this year.

In February came President and Sister George Romney of Detroit Stake. He is president of the American Motor Company. Also in February came Dr. Wesley P. Lloyd, Dean of Students, Brigham Young University, *en route* on a government educational mission in Japan.

Elder Spencer W. Kimball and Sister Kimball arrived in April for their history-making tour of inspection of the European Missions. From June 22nd to July 14th, they toured the British Mission.

Church Temple architect Edward O. Anderson was twice in Britain, in April and again in August and September when Sister Anderson accompanied him.

President Willard Marriott and his wife Alice Sheets Marriott, of Washington D.C., were April visitors also.

As advance representative of the General Authorities of the Church preparing for the tour of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, Elder Mark Peterson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spent several days in Britain in May.

Elder Henry D. Moyle, Sister Moyle, their daughter, Sister Marie Wangeman, and son Richard visited in Britain in June and July in the interest of genealogical research.

Elder Reid Nibley and his wife, Elder Gerret de Jong, Elder and Sister J. Wiley Sessions and Dr. and Sister Parley Christensen, all of the Brigham Young University faculty, were welcome visitors during July and August.

Elder Joel Richards and Sister Richards, former president of the North-western States Mission, and Elder Charles V. Liljenquist and Sister Liljenquist, recently released from the Australian Mission, and Judge and Mrs. Gaylen Young

were July and August visitors also. Elder David Evans (brother of Elder Richard Evans) and his wife were summer and autumn visitors. Sister Evans remained until October to do genealogical research.

Elder John L. Herrick, Elder W. O. Robinson and Sister Robinson, and Dr. Thomas C. Romney and Sister Romney of the staff of the Church office building of Salt Lake City were July visitors.

Elder Ezra Taft Benson and Sister Benson, he of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and President Eisenhower's Secretary of Agriculture in the cabinet, from Washington D.C. and Senator and Mrs. Wallace F. Bennet (parents of President Robert F. Bennett of the district of Scotland) were September and October visitors.

Dr. George Albert Smith, Jr., of the faculty of the Graduate School of Business of Harvard University and a member of the New England States Mission presidency came in September.

President David O. McKay, and Sister McKay, arriving in August and returning from the Temple dedication in Berne in September, made their fourth annual visit in Great Britain since 1952. Accompanying them were their son Dr. Edward R. McKay and his wife Lottie Lund McKay and President McKay's Secretary, Miss Clare Middlemiss.

The President's party arrived before the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir disembarked from the Cunarder *Saxonia* at Greenock, Scotland, and welcomed the Choir as it stepped ashore on August 18th to begin its epoch-making tour of Great Britain and the Continent.

The Tabernacle Choir brought Elder Richard L. Evans, of the

Council of the Twelve, and Choir commentator, Director J. Spencer Cornwall, Richard P. Condie, Organists Alexander Schreiner, Frank H. Asper, President Lester Hewlett, Tour Manager W. J. Thomas and the wives of most of these brethren.

Nineteen fifty-five also sees the release of President and Sister A. Hamer Reiser, as President of the British Mission, and the arrival of President and Sister Clifton G. M. Kerr, the successors.

The organisation of the Melchizedek priesthood of the Church in the British Mission into five quorums, the appearance of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir in four concerts in Great Britain: Glasgow, Manchester, Cardiff and Royal Albert Hall, London; the groundbreaking ceremonies for the commencement of construction of the Temple at Newchapel; Elder Spencer W. Kimball's tour of the Mission; the dedication of the Temple in Switzerland, combine with the visits of Latter-day Saints to make 1955 memorable.

The Church in the British Mission is prominently in the hearts and minds of the General Authorities of the Church as well as of the widespread membership of the Church. No longer need we in Britain think this Mission is distant and removed from the activities of the Church. The events of 1955 in which this Mission has participated are evidence of the availability of abundant blessings of membership and association in the inspirational functions of the Church.

1955 launches the Mission upon a new era of increasing participation in the blessings of the Church and Kingdom of God upon the earth.

GRACIOUS LADIES

. . . and a Glorious Gospel

by Dorothy O'Neil

THIS historic year of 1955 brought many gracious and distinguished ladies to the British Mission. As we reflect upon the year's visitors, we see in each one the beauty of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has touched and ennobled her life—her character, personality, and mission in her family life and in the Church. The role of women in the gospel is indeed a noble and important one. To be co-creators with God as mothers in Israel, eternal companions of worthy and righteous bearers of God's Holy Priesthood are spiritual aspirations beckoning all womankind to greater heights and standards of perfection.

Our great President's gracious companion, Sister Emma Rae Riggs McKay is rightfully first in our minds and hearts. She sets a noble example for all Latter-day Saint women to emulate. Her devotion to the gospel and her husband is unsurpassed. She has travelled many thousands of miles at his side, inspiring wives and mothers wherever she goes by her quiet, humble, and endearingly sweet spirit. When in her presence everyone feels he is near a choice daughter of the Lord. Early in the year she accompanied President McKay as he toured the Pacific missions. Late in the summer she greeted the Tabernacle Choir in Glasgow. Later she held a conference with women of the press in London. She attended the sacred and historic dedication services in the Berne Temple. She delights, in true missionary spirit, in sharing the

Restored Gospel with the many people she meets throughout the world.

Sister Camilla Eyring Kimball proved an inspiration to missionaries and members too, as she calmly kept pace with her husband, Elder Spencer W. Kimball, as he sped with the enthusiasm and consecration of Paul through the British and many other European missions over a period of five strenuous months. A significant yet simple tribute which speaks volumes about her character and beauty of soul was voiced by a missionary, who said, "In Sister Kimball I see the perfect model of the woman I want in my wife-to-be." Intelligent, humble, capable, she always sustains her husband in his great life's work, his "Father's business".

Summer visitors to Europe included Sister Alberta Wright Moyle, another gracious gentle lady and companion of Elder Henry D. Moyle. She too understands the complete devotion of her husband for his sacred calling and complements his efforts generously. Elder and Sister Moyle's daughter, Marie Moyle Wangeman, accompanied them in Britain. Delightfully genuine and lovely, she is a living testimony of the beauty and influence of the gospel in the home and in teaching daughters to live to be worthy mothers in Israel.

Sister Flora Benson has the double duty of being the companion of Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of Twelve and United States Secretary of Agriculture.

This she fills with gentility and quiet grace. In Washington D.C. she must represent the women of the United States as the wife of a Cabinet member. But an even greater assignment is to represent the women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as the wife of an Apostle of the Lord. Though on official government business, Elder and Sister Benson paid a brief visit to the British Mission headquarters where Sister Benson impressed all who met her with her humble dignity.

Gracious and sweet, Sister Alice Evans, wife of Elder Richard L. Evans and mother of a British missionary, added quiet nobility to the group of authorities' wives at the ground-breaking service at New-chapel. She accompanied her husband as he travelled throughout Europe with the Tabernacle Choir as commentator and official church representative on the tour.

Sister Anderson, companion of Brother Edward O. Anderson, the busy church architect of the Berne, London, and Los Angeles Temples, is another lovely lady who with great grace supports her husband as he travels and serves long hours readying these sacred Houses of the Lord. More than any other woman, she surely must appreciate the great work her husband does as she accompanies him when possible. This summer we enjoyed her presence here in England at the ground-breaking services at New-chapel.

Sister Frances Bennett, wife of Wallace F. Bennett, Secretary of the Deseret Sunday School Union, and United States Senator from Utah, and another mother of a British missionary, was a busy and charm-

ing visitor to Britain this summer. She is well known for her hostessing and homemaking abilities and a living tribute to the greatness of her father, our late President Heber J. Grant.

Vivacious and beautiful Sister Lottie McKay, wife of Dr. Edward McKay was charmed by England and she herself charmed all she met here when accompanying President McKay to the historic events of this summer of 1955. Along with Sister Wangeman, Sister McKay is a lovely example of young motherhood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Unassuming yet impressive is Sister Marirott, capable wife of President J. Willard Marriott, of Washington Stake. Hers is a success story of teamwork with her husband and years of service to the Church. Vacationing from their duties as owners of the "Hot Shoppes" chain of restaurants, they visited England during the summer.

Sister Clair Middlemiss is an outstanding example of loyalty and devotion to one's employer and vocation. She has faithfully served President McKay as his personal secretary (not a small task) for more than twenty years. Her loyalty and humility immediately impressed all who met her as she accompanied President McKay and his party with an assurance that she rightly deserves the honour and joy with which her position rewards her.

Lovely Ewan Harbrecht, Tabernacle Choir soloist who captivated audiences in Britain and throughout Europe, is an outstanding example of career and religion combined and complementing each other. Sister Harbrecht lives her religion, not compromising for popularity's sake, and is blessed and aided as the gos-

pel's teachings reflect in her career successes.

Not as visitors to our Mission, but as worthy women among our leaders here, we now briefly cite some of those we love in Britain.

Dear to the heart of all British Mission members and hundreds of British missionaries is our own Sister Elizabeth Reiser. In spite of her absence from us these most recent months, we all feel her sweet influence. Thousands of miles away she continues to support and encourage her noble companion, her devoted daughter, each missionary, and every Relief Society sister, all of whom she loves. She unselfishly carries on at home where duties of motherhood called her from her husband's side. Carolyn Reiser, faithful companion of her mother, returned with her to America after serving as a local missionary and as secretary for the Service Men and Mission Relief Society.

Dear Sister Elaine Reiser is another choice example of the worth of the gospel in family life in developing character and capabilities early in life. She has carried the load of being her father's personal secretary for over two years, and in addition for nine months has accompanied him as a devoted helper and ably represented her mother at conferences throughout the mission.

With the coming of December the British Mission will have a new "first lady" for Sister Irene Kerr assumes her duties as the Mission President's wife and President of the Mission Relief Society. A lovely mother of four boys, and with a fine record of church activity over the years, she will capably lead the Relief Society in a manner worthy of her calling and of all her noble predecessors.

Among the women of the British Mission are many wonderful souls which to tell of their accomplishments, attributes, and characters would fill many more pages; yes, even volumes. The leaders who steadfastly serve in Relief Society, M.I.A., Sunday School, and Primary organisations deserve our recognition. Also, the valiant wives of members of the Priesthood who support their husbands and sons in their worthy endeavours are to be commended. We also recognise the wonderful women who carry on in their homes alone, without the Priesthood, quietly hoping and praying for the time when one day they may enjoy the blessings of the Priesthood with their husbands. Countless service men's wives unselfishly serve their Lord and support their husbands in their church callings as they make homes in their native or adopted land while serving their country.

Lady missionaries have become pace-setters in proselyting in the mission as they proclaim the Restored Gospel with their wholesome and sincere manner, approaching many whom the elders may never have had the opportunity. They have proven effective street meeting speakers, too, piercing with gospel truths the ears and souls of other women who listen.

Whether home is abroad in the U.S.A. or right here in Britain, the nobility and capability of the women in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is exemplified in the lives of all these wonderful wives of wonderful men . . . all living the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ . . . all on the "way to perfection" and eternal progression . . . enriching the lives of all they meet as they journey through life.

The Nativity

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed, and all went out to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, unto Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds, abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the Angel said unto them; Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of heavenly host, praising God, and saying—**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.**

And it came to pass, as the Angels were gone away from them unto Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child, and all they that heard it, wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.

When Herod the King had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem, with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

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Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Isaiah 29:14

Historic Year

by G. EDWARDS BADDLEY

An Historic Year . . .

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth :

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

(Deuteronomy 28 : 1-3, 8-9)

IN the year of 1837, the first missionaries representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came to England. They opened a field of labour that was "white already to harvest"; and from their early labours many people joined the Church. By doing so they became a covenant people unto the Lord. The Church grew and prospered, there were good years and bad, and finally 118 years passed. At the beginning of 1955, the Church was still strong in Great Britain, the Saints were still faithful, and the missionaries were still labouring. But 1955 was to be a much different year, it was a year when the work of the Lord took great strides in this land.

Many wonderful things have happened this year, and it has been a year to remember. So the *Millennial Star*, following its policy of recording the history of the Church of Jesus Christ in England, is publishing for you a summary of this year of 1955, truly an historic year.

Elders' Quorums

In January of 1955, the announcement was given that there would be elders' quorums organised in the British Mission. "The First Presidency has authorised the mission presidency to organise into quorums, the member of the Church living in the British Mission, who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood and who are elders.

The officers of these quorums, a president, two counsellors and a secretary, and group leaders to assist the officer with groups within each quorum, will be proposed to the Melchizedek Priesthood for their sustaining in the priesthood meetings of the respective district conferences to be held in the spring of 1955.

The organisation of elders' quorums marks the beginning of a new era in the British Mission.

Elder Kimball's Tour

Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Quorum of the Twelve, was assigned to make a tour of the European Missions, and on June 22nd, Elder and Sister Kimball arrived in Great Britain from Amsterdam, Holland, to begin a 23-day tour of the British Mission. During this tour of 2,200 miles, they interviewed 158 missionaries and met with saints in 20 public meetings, 8 Priesthood and Relief

*Elder and Sister
Spencer W.
Kimball, and
President
A. Hamer
Reiser, at
Ravenslea,
before Elder
Kimball's tour*



Society meetings, and 15 officers and teachers meetings. Testimony meetings and instructional sessions were held with the missionaries in each district, and much valuable proselyting information was given out. The goals of the missionaries were raised, and it was suggested that the British missionaries go up to a seven day a week proselyting schedule, getting at least 7 hours a day of proselyting.

For many members of the Church it was the first opportunity that any of them had had to hear a general authority, and in many of the Districts it was the first time in 16 years a general authority had visited them. The trip was made with dispatch, and Elder Kimball set an example of personal efficiency and the way to utilise every spare moment.

There is very little that one can say about this tour, because it was of such inspiration that all who heard Elder Kimball speak will always remember it. A man who is called to be a leader must personify all of those virtues he

expects from his followers, and Elder Spencer W. Kimball sets a sterling example of just those things.

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir

Spotlighting events of 1955 was the visit of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir on their initial tour of Europe. Four concerts in Britain, at Glasgow, Manchester, Cardiff, and London, brought tremendous ovations, and audiences thrilled to the songs of Zion. Coverage of the Choir's visit was made in papers, on broadcasts, and newsreels throughout Britain. Newspapers issued most favourable reports regarding the entire tour and concerts with few exceptions. Some excerpts follow:

The *Manchester Evening News* thought the Choir sang with "sweeping sincerity and disciplined fervour."

"The Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir which must rank as one of the finest in the world, gave an inspired and outstanding performance at Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff, last night," recorded Car-

diff's *Western Mail*, under the headline of "Mormon Choir's Inspired Performance."

The Choir's arrival Friday morning, August 19th, at Greenock, Scotland, on the *Saxonia*, presented a picturesque sight. Rain did not deter Provost John Porter, several hundred fellow citizens of Greenock, who stood hours in the pouring rain, and a bagpipe band from presenting a royal welcome to the 600 songsters and their guests. The pipers, dressed in native costumes, played "The Mist-Covered Mountains" and "My Home".

President McKay and his party: Mrs. McKay, Dr. and Mrs. Edward McKay, and Miss Clare Middlemiss, had flown to Prestwick the day before to be on hand to welcome the Choir. Rain stopped, the Choir assembled on the quay, where they were welcomed by Provost Porter, as newspaper reporters and cameramen crowded around.

Capacity crowds attended the four concerts held in Great Britain. Elder J. Spencer Cornwall directed concerts in Glasgow, Manchester and London. The concert in Wales was under the direction of Elder Richard P. Condie. Accompanists were Elders Alexander Schreiner and Frank W. Asper. The concerts were held in the finest halls in each

city: Kelvin Hall, Glasgow; Free Trade Hall, Manchester; Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff; Royal Albert Hall, London.

Audiences were also impressed with the timely commentary by Elder Richard L. Evans and solos presented by Miss Ewan Harbrecht, soprano soloist, who charmed audiences with her sincerity and beauty.

Ground-Breaking at Newchapel

"I now officially declare the first ground broken for the London Temple," spoke President David O. McKay at Newchapel, Surrey, as sod was turned at the south-east corner of the first temple to be constructed in Great Britain. Ground-breaking ceremonies held on Saturday, August 27th, at 2 p.m. were attended by approximately one thousand saints who assembled before the speakers' stand, located in the shade of an alcove of the formal gardens, just east of where the temple shall rise.

Seated before the gathered British saints, missionaries, servicemen, Tabernacle Choir members, and visitors from America were: President and Mrs. McKay accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Edward McKay, Miss Clare Middlemiss, secretary to President McKay, Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of Twelve,

Provost John Porter extended a welcome greeting to the visitors. President McKay stood with fellow-Scotsmen behind the barrier as the Choir landed.



Mrs. Evans, Elder Edward O. Anderson, architect, Mrs. Anderson, President A. Hamer Reiser, Sir Thomas Bennett, supervising architect, and Mrs. Bennett.

Music for the service was contributed by the famous Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, directed by Elder J. Spencer Cornwall, in conjunction with the Choir's European tour. The singers were located in front and to the left of the speakers' platform.

Actual construction of the Temple is to begin in the spring of 1956. "Almost a perfect moment to start a building which we think will build itself a tradition in the course of the years to come," explained Sir Thomas Bennett. The supervising architect continued: "And we think it may well be that in September, 1957, the building will be complete."

While hundreds had assembled to witness the commencement of the erection of a House of the Lord, President McKay reminded those present that they too were building, "each one is building a temple to the Most High".

Berne Temple Dedicated

On Sunday, September 11, 1955, occurred one of the most significant events in European history. Not many newspapers headlined

the story. In fact, a large portion of the people upon the earth did not even hear about it. But prophecy was fulfilled, and a House of the Lord was established in Europe. For on that day the first temple to be constructed in the Old World since the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem was dedicated by a prophet of God.

President David O. McKay officiated in the five-day exercises and repeated the beautiful prayer of dedication at each session. At 10 a.m. Sunday, September 11, members of the Tabernacle Choir, General Authorities, Mission authorities, and members of the Swiss-Austrian mission met for the first formal session of the services. Elders Spencer W. Kimball, Ezra Taft Benson, Henry D. Moyle, and Richard L. Evans represented the Council of Twelve at the dedication. President Samuel E. Bringham, newly-appointed Berne Temple president, participated in the solemn activities.

One hundred and seventeen British missionaries and other members of the British Mission joined with L.D.S. servicemen in Europe, members of the Tabernacle Choir, and the General Authorities in services conducted at 2 p.m. on the first day of dedication activities.

A NEW MISSION PRESIDENT

President Clifton G. Kerr Appointed President of the British Mission

It has been announced by the First Presidency of the Church that President Clifton G. M. Kerr, President of South Bear River Stake, Tremonton, Utah, will be President of the British Mission at the release of President A. Hamer Reiser. President Kerr is making preparations to arrive in the British Mission early in December.

Biographical Sketch

PRESIDENT Clifton G. M. Kerr was born at Plain City, Utah, October 7, 1906, a son of William A. and Rosamond Harding Kerr. His paternal grandparents came from Newcastle and emigrated to the United States in 1856 as converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His maternal grandfather was born in Trowbridge in Wiltshire and was baptized in October, 1848, when 17 years of age. In 1851 he accepted a call to serve as a missionary and continued to serve for seven years. He and his wife and four children emigrated to America in 1869.

Sister Kerr was born in Kamas, Utah, May 3, 1907, a daughter of John A. and Margaret E. Hodson Pack. Her paternal grandfather, John Pack, was with the advance

party who preceded the main party of Pioneers into Salt Lake Valley in July of 1847. Her mother's parents were converts to the Church from England.

President and Sister Kerr's eldest son Duane is 22 years of age and has just completed a mission in Eastern Canada, where he served the last eight months of his mission as a counsellor to the Mission President. He is now at school studying dentistry. Rolfe, the second son, is 20 years old and a student at Utah State Agricultural College and is a quarterback on the U.S.A.C. football team. He plans to enter the mission field in 1956.

John, who is 14 years old, is starting his first year of high school, and Nolan, aged 10, is in the fifth grade.

THE NATIVITY *(Continued)*

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa; for thus it is written by they prophet—And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod called the wise men, and inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared, and he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they heard the King, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And the Heavens resounded with joy; **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN.**

Compiled by Sis. Supora Thaxton, from Luke 2: 1-20; Matt. 2: 1-12

Message to

MISSION M.I.A. LEADERS

IN every dispensation there have been a small minority who contended that they had discovered a better plan than the Lord's and put aside His word and substituted their own. A good example of this was Saul, the first king of Israel whose story is told in the 15th chapter of 1 Samuel, the words of Samuel "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifice as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams" should stand out in our minds whenever we feel that our ideas are better than those approved by the servants of the Lord. As a further point, Saul was told that he was no longer king of Israel and the Lord repented that he had made him king.

It is regretful that we have in our Church organisations, including the M.I.A., a few Sauls. They carry on a haphazard sort of programme, making any old thing do as long as a programme goes on, they even close up for the summer and hold no programme at all, notwithstanding that the leaders of the Church have instructed the M.I.A. to carry on the programme wholeheartedly the whole year round. Many men and boys have been brought into activity and kept close to the Church by the athletic programme in the summer, but how many branches organised any of this activity, and conse-

quently just how many have missed the benefits which they could have enjoyed, but more important still, how many of our leaders have failed to that extent in their duties, bearing the taint of Saul. Is it really an excuse to say that nobody turns up—remember that if we do our duty we have fulfilled the Lord's requirements and can stand unspotted before Him—for if we never organise how can we expect people to attend.

But the summer is now over. The lessons of the past should be the guide-rail to the future, recrimination is useless, so let's not look behind but straight ahead and face the future with a determination to do things the Lord's way.

GOOD leaders are always on the job. They attend all of the required meetings: prayer meetings, leadership meetings, sacrament meetings, priesthood meetings. GOOD leaders are always at M.I.A.—prepared. If they must be absent they get properly excused and arrange substitutes for their classes. GOOD leaders know when their excuses are legitimate, for they know that their church meetings take preference over everything else. GOOD leaders teach the gospel in every lesson and every activity, they follow up class members who miss any meeting. They LIVE THE GOSPEL and thereby show youth the way.

Sincerely your brethren and sisters of the

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Christmas Greetings to the Lat

To the Missionaries and Saints of the British Mission :

My Dear Brethren and Sisters,

I AM delighted to return to the land of my fathers to share with you the joys of service in the work of the Lord.

I bring you Season's Greetings from your friends and families in America whose prayers ascend daily for your welfare.

Our family looks forward to meeting all of you in due course of time.

It is stimulating to contemplate partaking of the great spirit of brotherhood that exists wherever people gather in the name of the Restored Church.

Accept our commendations for your valiant devotion to the Gospel Cause.

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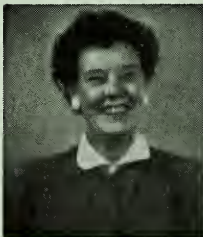


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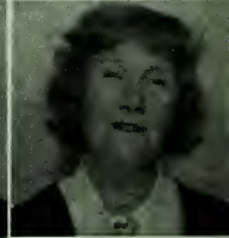


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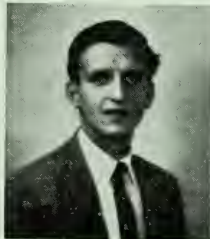


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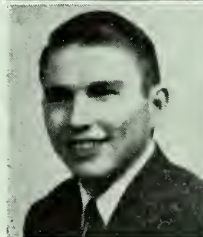


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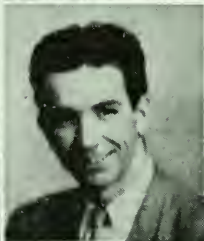
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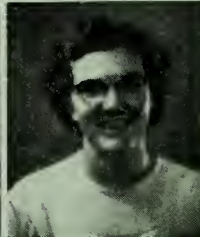
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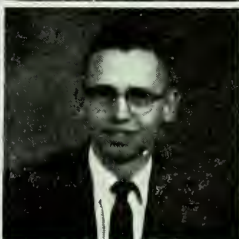


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Season's Greetings

A BETTER EARTH

Through loving the Lord and keeping His commandments, we may be privileged to inherit the restored earth . . . the renewed earth in its "Paradisiacal Glory" cleansed from wickedness.

Great Armies

HERE is something that I published in 1936. The facts that I have here were taken largely from the *Literary Digest*. "The world's armed forces in 1913"—that is the year before the war broke out—"were 29,095,288 men. In 1934 there had been an increase to 38,473,994, not including aircraft. At that date Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria were limited by treaty in their air forces and Germany in her army to 10,000 men, but these treaties were not kept. Since 1934 this number has been materially increased."

Now, those are statements upon the information I got from the *Digest*, but this will be astonishing to you, I am sure, and I copied this from the *Digest* of January 20, 1934.

"Two scientists charting the European record find that the indexed number of wars rose from 2.678 in the twelfth to 13,735.98 in the twentieth century.

"Does war tend to decline as nations become more civilized? Many philosophers have said so; but now two sociologists of Harvard

University have turned the cold and dispassionate eye of science upon the question, and have decided that future wars, fiercer than any ever fought before, apparently can be avoided only by a miracle. Far from declining, wars increase in number and intensity as nations progress, and the worst flare-up since the dawn of history has occurred in our own century."

Tells of Source

Now, of course, he had reference to the war from 1914 to 1918.

"These scientists are Professor Pitirim A. Sorokin, chairman of the Department of Sociology at Harvard, and Nicholas N. Golovin, formerly Lieutenant-General in the Imperial Russian army. They have reached their conclusions through a study of all the wars known to have taken place in Europe since Greece and the Western Roman Empire over a period of more than 2,400 years—from 500 B.C. to A.D. 1925. During this period in Greece, Rome, Central Europe, Germany, Italy, France, Great Britain, Spain, and the Netherlands and Russia, there occurred 902 wars (not battles).

"Each was studied from five points of view, the duration of the war, the size of the fighting force, the number of casualties, including killed and wounded, the number of countries involved, and the proportion of the combatants to the total population of the belligerent nations.

"From these five 'variables' a total indexed number was computed for each war, in order that they might be reasonably expressed in terms of a common denominator."

Makes Comments

Now, that's the quotation. Then I made these remarks.

"Out of this study these scientists declare that they have discovered that war has tended to increase over all Europe in the late centuries. They say they have learned that in these countries war grew from 2,678 in the twelfth century to 13,735.98 in the first twenty-five years of the twentieth century. Their tables show the growth by centuries. Up to the seventeenth century the wars were comparatively insignificant. Beginning with that century war increased during the eighteenth, with a lull in the nineteenth, yet in that century they were more than 100 times greater than in medieval times.

"These men conclude that 'all commendable hopes that war will disappear in the near future are based on nothing more substantial than hope of a belief in miracles'."

And then I made this prediction:

"If prophecy is to be fulfilled, there awaits the world a conflict more dreadful than any the world has yet seen." (*Progress of Man*, pp. 402-404.)

Now I want to make some comments in regard to the statement by President Woodruff and his parable.

Angels Sent Forth

The Lord said that the sending forth of these angels was to be at the end of the harvest, and the harvest is the end of the world. Now, that ought to cause us some very serious reflections. And the angels have been pleading, as I have read it to you, before the Lord to be sent on their mission. Until 1893 the Lord said to them no, and then He set them loose. According to the revelation of President Woodruff, the Lord sent them out on that mission.

What do we gather out of that? That we are at the time of the end. This is the time of the harvest. This is the time spoken of which is called the end of the world, and I am glad of it. I want to see the world come to an end.

Now, do not get frightened when I say that. I am praying for it every day; and when I said that here three or four years ago, that I was praying for the end of the world and if it came tomorrow I would be glad, a woman sitting on the front seat in the meeting house spoke out and she said, "Oh, I hope not". Do you not want the end of the world to come?

Most people have the wrong idea of what is meant by the end of the world. They are thinking of something else entirely. They are thinking of the end of the earth. I do not know why we should be worried about that either. I will be glad—I hope—to see the end of the earth.

A Better Earth

Now, I paused when I said that because if I am wicked I will not be glad; but if I keep the commandments of the Lord, I will be glad even when the end of the earth comes because we will get a new earth, a better earth. We will get a

celestialised earth. I will be glad to see the end of the world, but it does not matter whether I live to see it or not. It is not very far off.

What is meant by the end of the world? The Lord gives you that definition. The disciples came to the Saviour and asked Him to explain to them things regarding the destruction of Jerusalem and His second coming and the end of the world, and they understood—and here is what they said. “Tell us when shall these things be which Thou hast said concerning the destruction of the Temple and the Jews, and what is the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked, which is the end of the world?” That is the end of the world. The world is the people who dwell upon the face of the earth, and when Christ comes there will be an end to the world, this world, and then we will get a new earth and a new heaven just as Isaiah declares in the 65th chapter, beginning with the

17th verse, so you can look it up. The Lord will give us a new heaven and a new earth, a cleansed earth, a restored earth, the one we sing about and preach about; as stated in the tenth Article of Faith, the earth renewed to receive its paradisiacal glory, cleansed from wickedness. For a thousand years we will have that kind of an earth and there will not be any war, any turmoil, envying, lying; there will be no wickedness. Men will learn then to love the Lord and keep His commandments, and if they don't they will not stay here. That's the end of the world, and that is what the Saviour prayed for when His disciples came to Him and said, “Teach us to pray.” What did He do? He taught them, “Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.”

That's what I'm praying for. The Lord was praying for the end of the world, and so am I.

WANTED! *Back Issues of Church Magazines*

To complete bound volumes for the British Mission library—the following back numbers of Church magazines are desired:

THE INSTRUCTOR

October 1952; January, May, July and November 1950.

THE RELIEF SOCIETY MAGAZINE

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October 1950; April, September, December 1951.

IMPROVEMENT ERA

May 1951.

The donation of any of these will be received with gratitude.

British Mission Presidency

The Spirit of Christmas

by David K. Hart



ANOTHER year has passed away, and we are preparing for the final holiday, the Christmas season. It means different things to different people. To a sales clerk it is a frantic time of last minute customers; to a bus driver it means increased crowds and more traffic; to adults in general it is a time of hurried wrapping and mailing, of rush and hurry, and of financial tension. But, to the children, it is the day of all days. All year long a world full of children have been working towards one goal, Christmas, probably the only day of the year preferred to summer holidays. Maybe you have noticed in your home recently a sudden

sense of excitement, a transformation of your children, all of a sudden they start making a conscious effort to be better than usual. When you notice those signs, you can be very sure that Christmas is not too far in the offing. But the funny thing is that we adults begin to catch that spirit also. Ever wonder why?

Have you ever wondered why people are so much better at Christmas than any other time of the year? Everyone suddenly seems to be filled with brotherly love. A good feeling of friendship and communal cheer seem to prevail. Why did it happen so soon? Have you ever considered that the reason might be because we adults are more intimately associated with children than at any other time? We can learn a lot from a child, more than we imagine. You know, it was Jesus Christ who told us to learn from our children. Do you remember this passage of scripture?

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16.)

Imagine that. We must become as children to enter the kingdom of God. It is beginning to look as if we should keep this "Christmas spirit" all

year long, for this spirit might, in effect, be termed the "spirit of a child". We should be making firm resolves right now to get and keep the "Christmas spirit." And we can best do that by making this Christmas the most joyous yet for the children. We give freely, but let us make sure that our gifts are not all material ones. Wouldn't it be a poor thing if we only gave the relatively unimportant material things to the little ones in the care of the Lord? The rich spiritual things are those of which they are most truly worthy. How do we give them these? By setting an example of diligent Church service, leading the way in family prayers, making sure to never lose our tempers or be arbitrary with them. How about that, Father, are you taking your children to church, or sending them? And you, Mother, are you always the strong pillar they may come to in time of need? What about the older brothers and sisters, we have a big responsibility towards the younger ones also. You know, the Lord will return to us what we give to them.

Now we have the season of example before us. The many beautiful things that have been composed and written about Christmas are among our greatest works of art; the stirring, and traditional English carol, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen", or the beautiful "Silent Night" by Joseph Möhr and Franz Grüber. What season was it that prompted the wonderful story "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens? You know, we can produce a like work of art, infinitely more beautiful and important. That is the development of love and beauty in the soul of a small child. Just think of the challenge that it gives to us, and the opportunity to do all the things the Lord desires of us.

And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organised, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents.

For this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organised.

And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands.

And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord. (Doctrine and Covenants 68:25-28.)

To the parent is entrusted the greatest of responsibilities; to raise, in the correct manner, a living soul, given to them by the Lord. Children are pure and clean and sweet, having no guile or sin, as the Lord tells us:

But behold, I say unto you, that little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world through mine Only Begotten;

Wherefore, they cannot sin, for power is not given unto Satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me. (Doctrine and Covenants 29:46-47.)

This Christmas should be one of great spiritual accomplishment, a closer union with your children. Give to them of yourself, just as freely as they give to you. There is not a greater blessing given to a family than children, reared with the influence of parents, having the gift of the Holy

Ghost, and the Priesthood. Christmas is here, the wonderful Yuletide, a season of joy, of peace on earth, of goodwill towards men. Shall we do as Jesus Himself directed, and take an example from the children? And, as we reciprocate for the love they give to us, let us be sure that we give to them that which they deserve.

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

(*Psalms* 127:3-5.)

BRITISH MISSION

Branch and District Activities

Hallowe'en parties and dances feature largely in the news reported to the *Star*. *Leicester, Nottingham, Hull, Sunderland, Birmingham, South London, Belfast, Grimsby, Sheffield* and *York* Branches tell of happy and "spooky" times enjoyed celebrating Hallowe'en. Decorations were of the familiar kind, broomstick witches and candle-lit turnip-heads, while programmes included ghost stories and novelty events designed to startle and scare harmlessly. Names of those responsible for the several programmes are Brothers Spurr and Oakley and Sister Stevens of Hull; Brother Geoffrey Harris of Nottingham; Sisters Quayle, McDermott and Wakefield of Sunderland, and Sister Brenda Course and Brother Hotron of Birmingham.

Guy Fawkes night was commemorated in the *Nottingham, South London, Derby, Wythenshawe, and York* Branches. In Derby the party was held at the home of Brother and Sister Sherlock, where everything went off with a bang! This, of course, goes too for the

other efforts, with Brother Herbert Tinson in charge of Nottingham and Brother Rocky Cawley at South London.

Manchester

Although the Manchester District were gratified to hear that Elder Larry Peterson was to become District President, *Bury Branch* were sorry to lose their leader and showed their appreciation of his services to their Branch at a social held on Friday, October 21st, when a wallet was presented to Elder Peterson as a token of their esteem.

Wythenshawe Branch, inspired by the example of the Tabernacle Choir, have formed a choir of their own and after only a couple of weeks rehearsing gave several items at Manchester District Conference where they were complimented by President Reiser, despite their nervousness and imperfections. Under the direction of their leader, Brother John Davies, they plan to visit hospitals and inactive members, singing carols at Christmastide.



Members and missionaries of the Aberdeen Branch

On October 22nd the Concert Party, "Happiness Ahead", presented by Miss Wyn Stewart, kindly offered their services to raise money for the Wythenshawe Building Fund. Much amusement was caused by a Charlie Chaplin sketch, "In a Tea Shop", in which the audience were enlisted as participants.

Relief Society Sisters of the *Bury Branch* presented a dozen hymn-books to the Branch on the occasion of their conference on November 6th. A feature of the meeting was that the hymns sung were chosen by three sisters, two of whom are aged and unable to be present, while the third was in hospital and prevented from attending.

Scottish

Just preceding the commencement of the winter session, members of the *Dundee Relief Society*

spent an evening with one of their number who can no longer attend their meetings since she now lives such a distance from the meeting place. It proved a very lovely evening for all and a fine spirit prevailed.

The Relief Society held a Jumble Sale on October 15th in the Branch hall and in a matter of forty minutes all goods were sold and the organisation was several pounds to the good.

The *M.I.A.* of the *Dundee Branch* opened their winter programme with a fancy-dress party which was very much enjoyed. On October 4th they held a Bring and Buy sale and raised a tidy sum, although the attendance was only small.

Nottingham

Derby Branch held a most successful social on October 8th. They were well entertained with a sur-

prise dancing event by friends and members of the Church. Sixty-five people in attendance contributed to the Branch Building fund in buying refreshments.

Hucknall Relief Society opened their winter session with a tea given by President and Sister E. A. Wright. It proved a most enjoyable occasion and Sister Tinson, District Relief Society Supervisor, was in attendance.

Nottingham Branch Presidency was re-organised on November 6th under the direction of District President Clarence E. McBride. New leaders are: Brother Oliver Storer as Branch President, Brother Kenneth J. Poole as 1st Counsellor, and Brother James F. Rankin as 2nd Counsellor, while Brother Albert E. Asher will serve as Branch Clerk.

Nottingham District M.I.A. Convention was held at Trent Bridge Schools under the direction of Brother Kenneth Bennett, of the M.I.A. Board. Instruction combined with novel activity filled a

programme in which 55 M.I.A. representatives participated to their mutual advantage.

Birmingham

On Saturday, October 22nd, a party was held in the *Nuneaton Branch* at the Masonic Hall. Members and friends enjoyed games and dancing under the direction of Brother Kenneth F. Bennett, with fancy-dress competition for the children. During the evening a presentation was made to Elder Delbert R. Standage, who was completing his mission and had served as Branch President. Food was prepared by the Relief Society sisters, who also held a bazaar.

London

Opening social of the *Reading Branch Relief Society* was held October 5th at the home of Sister Doris Wood. Following the regular lesson period the sisters adjourned to the dining-room for a special meal prepared by Sisters Dockrell and Wood. The table was decorated with a centre-piece depicting the



Members of the Reading Branch Relief Society

Relief Society Conference theme: "The Road to Peace", arranged by Sisters Huggins and Barnett.

Liverpool

Nelson Branch Relief Society showed the co-operative spirit in staging a little "Bring and Buy" sale on Wednesday, October 26th, to raise money for the Sunday School Christmas party. There was a varied assortment of home-made cakes and pastries, preserves, eggs, sugar and tinned goods. The eight sisters in attendance raised thirty-eight shillings and fourpence. (Good thought and good result, Nelson.—Ed.)

On Saturday, October 22nd, the Primary and Sunday School of the *Wigan Branch* held a "hot-pot" social and dance to raise money for their Christmas social. Sister Acroft was chiefly responsible for the planning and £3 13s. was set aside for the worthy purpose.

Newcastle

As a token of esteem for his work and service to the saints in the Newcastle District, Elder Murray S. McInnes was presented with a pair of chrome hair brushes in a leather case at the Newcastle Branch on October 24th.

Sunderland Branch Building fund benefited to the extent of £40 in respect of a bazaar held October 9th; £5 10s. from the produce of a harvest festival, held Friday, October 15th.

President F. W. Oates of the Sunderland Branch addressed four branches of the Independent Order of Good Templars during October. Sister G. Quayle and Brother J. Kelly sang solos at each meeting. Sister Quayle addressed the Sisterhood of the Ebenezer Church on

November 1st, and also sang two solos.

Newcastle District Gold and Green Ball was held October 13th in the Bainbridge Hall, Newcastle. Through the efforts of Sister Ardvig and Brother William Gray it was a grand success. A dancing display competition was won by Sunderland Branch with a very attractive ballet, "The Cat and the Canary", danced by Sister Valerie Cuthbertson and her friend, Katherine. District President McInnes and Elder Maurice Benson received parting gifts.

Leeds

On Thursday, October 20th, a social was held in the *Leeds Branch* in honour of President and Sister Laycock, who were leaving the Branch. Thirty-two members and friends enjoyed games and dancing, organised by Brother Stanley Smithson and Sister Maureen Flynn. Refreshments were provided by the members. During the course of the evening Sister Nora Worth made a presentation on behalf of the members, of a beautiful glass fruit set to Brother and Sister Laycock as a token of their love and esteem.

Elder H. H. Tassel was sustained as President of the Leeds Branch on Sunday, October 23rd, replacing Elder F. Laycock.

Bristol

On Saturday, October 29th, a variety concert was held in the Fellowship Hall, *Bournemouth*. It was well attended and all enjoyed a wonderful 2½-hour show of fun and laughter, largely resulting from President Summersell's ready wit and humour. Other artistes were Brother H. Street, Sisters Carpenter and Aubrey, and Brother Kenchington, while some of the younger



Looking very smart, Cubs of the Hull Branch were on Church Parade, October 9th, 1955. Congratulations, Hull! This is believed to be the first Cub group of the British Mission organised in the Church.

members were extremely good in singing and dancing.

Irish

At the M.I.A. Convention held on October 22nd, Brother Stephen Hawkes of the M.I.A. Board gave interesting advice on Drama in the M.I.A. On the evening of the same day members of the *Portadown Branch* held a party in the Belfast Branch hall. Games were directed by Brother James Ditty and entertainment was provided by the "Singing Mormons" of the Belfast Branch.

Belfast Primary held a party on October 29th, when 34 children and officers spent an enjoyable afternoon.

Hull

A change in the Presidency of the *Grimsby Branch* was necessitated with the departure of Elder W. D. Pitcher and his wife on being released from their missionary

activities. The new leaders are President of the Branch, Elder Arthur Jenner; 1st Counsellor Brother Howard Lloyd, and Brother Leslie C. Bushell as Clerk. The Grimsby Branch wish it to be known how much they appreciated the work of President Pitcher and his wife, for although Elder Pitcher did not have good health he was much admired for fortitude.

Sheffield

A surprise party was held on October 22nd for Elder R. F. Nielson, who has served as *Sheffield District President* and has now been released. Kind thoughts and good wishes go with Elder Nielson for the work he has done in Sheffield, while Elder Sidney Atkin is welcomed in taking his place.

Brother and Sister William Fagan celebrated their silver wedding with a dance in the Sheffield Chapel recreation hall on October 29th. About 200 persons were present

and all went away having had a jolly good evening together.

Norwich

The *Priesthood* of the *Norwich* Branch sponsored a social at which 105 members and friends gathered for community singing, games and entertainment. Star of the evening was Brother G. Packe, from Ipswich, who entertained with his deft "magic", Sister Olga Duffen rendered some songs, and the Relief Society sisters provided refreshments. From a small charge made to enter competitions, funds were raised to provide new hymn-books for the branch.

Births and Blessings

Ford. The infant son of Brother and Sister Richard Ford was blessed by President F. W. Oates of the Sunderland Branch on October 16th and given the names of William David.

Anderson. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Maguerite, Jacqueline and Graham, were blessed in the Bournemouth Branch on October 2nd.

Osborn. The son of Brother and Sister Ernest Osborn of St. Albans Branch, born on August 19th, was blessed by his Father on October 2nd and given the names of Gerald William.

Oboin. A son was born to Sister Betsy Oboin, daughter of Brother and Sister Parlett of Norwich, in the St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City, on October 1st.

Wilson. A daughter was born to Sister and Brother Tom Wilson of the Norwich Branch on May 17th. The child was blessed by her father on Sunday, June 5th, and given the name of Susan.

Engagements

Niel - McCormick. Sister Audrey Niel became engaged to Brother Sam McCormick, October 1st. Both are of Belfast.

Hollyoak - Stewart. Sister Jean Hollyoak and Brother John Stewart became engaged November 5th.

Marriages

Allen - Stewart. Brother William Stewart and Sister Ann Allen were married at Belfast Registrar's Office, October 27th. The couple received a blessing from Irish District President R. Q. Frederickson after the wedding.

Whittaker - Crawford. The marriage of Sister Dawn Whittaker to Franklin Leroy Crawford of the U.S. Forces was solemnised in the South London Branch Chapel by President Walter Chiles on October 15th. Sister Whittaker is a member of the Luton Branch, and the wedding breakfast was held in Luton when the couple returned after the ceremony.

Walter - Lakin. The wedding of Sister Beatrice Walker to Mr. Harry Lakin took place September 24th in the Sheffield Chapel.

Mitchell - Coull. Sister Isobel Mitchell was married to Brother Joseph Coull on Saturday, September 17th, in Aberdeen. District President Robert F. Bennett officiated in the ceremony.

Deaths

Coote. Brother William J. Coote, of the Hucknell Branch, passed away October 16th, 1955, at the age of 70 years. The funeral service was conducted by President E. A. Wright.

Bradbury. On September 3rd, 1955, Sister Florence Bradbury passed away at the age of 84 years. She joins her beloved husband,

Brother Fred Bradbury, who died eight months ago. They were both members of the Bradford Branch. Sister Bradbury has been a faithful member of the Church and her whole life was spent in living the Gospel to the best of her ability and in bringing up her children to serve the Lord. She leaves a son and three grandsons active in the Priesthood as well as two daughters, all of whom are serving devotedly in the tradition of faith taught them by this mother in Israel.

Ordinations in the Priesthood

To the Office of Deacon

Samuel Gouling, of Wigan, by Elder Birkhead—October 30th.

Dennis Meddis, of Sunderland, by President F. W. Oates—October 2nd.

David Culley, of Derby, by Brother Gordon Sherlock—October 30th.

Thomas Hazeltine, of Nottingham, by Derek Cuthbert—October 16th.

William Spears, of Nuneaton, by Elder Delbert R. Standage—October 2nd.

Hyrum Dewsnup, of Liverpool, by Elder Lloyd M. Thayne—October 23rd.

James Neal, of Norwich, by President Bert W. Martin—October 2nd.

To the Office of Teacher

Leslie H. Duffen, or Norwich, by Brother Thomas G. Wilson—October 2nd.

James E. Brookshire, of U.S. Forces, by Elder Vaughan Wixon—October 16th.

Leslie Gaskell, of Wigan, by President Beecroft—October 30th.

To the Office of Elder

Gordon W. Sherlock, of Derby, by Elder Clarence McBride—October 16th.

Geoffrey A. Harris, of Nottingham, by Elder James R. Cunningham—October 16th.

The Following People Have Completed the Speaking/Teaching Course

Gladys M. Fullwood (Liverpool), Kathleen Hunt (Liverpool), Edith Cartwright (Liverpool), Janet Cartwright (Liverpool), Vivienne Cartwright (Liverpool), Kathleen Rodgers (Liverpool), Edith Ireland (Liverpool), Audrey Hicklin (Liverpool), James O. Brennan (Liverpool), John Sainsbury (Liverpool), Dorothy Skinner (Oldham), Janey Bowyer (Oldham), Olive Davis (Oldham), Frances Robinson (Oldham), Elizabeth Pearce (Oldham), William Giles (Oldham), Harry Mills (Oldham).

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS :

Birmingham District

Ian John Gilbert of Nuneaton
Sarah Kennedy Barlow of Nuneaton
Matthew James Barlow of Nuneaton
Arthur Barlow Kennedy of Nuneaton
Ronald Birks of Nuneaton
Audrey May Birks of Nuneaton

Bristol District

Ellen D. Cotton-Betteridge of Cheltenham

Hull District

Yvonne Annette Berry of York
George Ballantyne of Hull
Mary Berry of York

Kenneth Wilson Berry of York
Denise Francis Johnson of Grimsby
Malcolm Gordon King of Grimsby
Eva Quinn of York
Francesca Lorna Willcox of York
Betty Coultas of Hull
Harold Coultas of Hull
Michael Downing Berry of York

Leeds District

Frank Barrett of Leeds

Liverpool District

Nellie Hardiman of Southport
Frank Hardiman of Southport

London District

Michael George Smith of Luton
 Fay Dodd of Brighton
 Ian Wilson of North London
 Carol Anne West of Gravesend
 Anne Wilson of North London
 John Anderson of St. Albans
 Maureen Therese Williams of South London
 Robert Wylam Pears of South London
 May Bembridge of Gravesend
 Percy Frederick Bembridge of Graveend
 Doris Elizabeth Dawkins of Reading
 Audrey Jolayne King of South London
 Jack McKeown of North London

Manchester District

Lesley Helen Kearns of Wythenshawe
 Ada Lord of Bury
 Ambrose Percival Bates of Wythenshawe
 David Bailey of Wythenshawe

Newcastle District

Peter Alexander Wilson of Middlesbrough
 Eileen Plempner of Sunderland
 Ernest Hewitt of Newcastle
 Lynda Mary Hewitt of Newcastle
 Charles Trevor Ferguson of Middlesbrough
 Catherine Mavis Munroe of Newcastle

Nottingham District

Melvin Haddenham of Hucknall
 Mary Jean Kenyon of Leicester
 Edwin Ziegler of Leicester
 Stanley Thomas Shepard of Leicester

Norwich District

James Andrew Clement Jr. of Norwich

Hazel Louette Clement of Norwich
 Lindsay Young of Norwich
 Susan Dorothy Haines of Lowestoft
 Judith Ann Gibbs of Lowestoft

Scotland District

Janet Craig McInally of Glasgow
 John McInally of Glasgow
 David Brunton Sammels of Edinburgh
 Bridget Mary Sammels of Edinburgh
 Irene May Innes of Edinburgh
 Sandra Duff of Edinburgh

Sheffield District

Frank Gregory of Sheffield
 Peggy Gregory of Sheffield
 Mary Emily Brownlow of Sheffield
 Lewis Arthur Brownlow of Sheffield
 Rose Eileen Warburton of Doncaster
 Donald Greenfield of Sheffield
 Margaret Greenfield of Sheffield
 Edith Hay of Barnsley
 Mavis Anne Hay of Barnsley
 Douglas Hay of Barnsley
 John Trevor Swift of Sheffield
 Ailsa White Cason of Sheffield
 Joseph Arthur Cason of Sheffield
 Roy Banks of Barnsley
 Harry Banks of Barnsley
 Annie Banks of Barnsley

Wales District

John Drew of Merthyr Tydfil
 Rose Mary Smith of Cardiff
 Janet V. Hooper of Cardiff
 William John Hooper of Cardiff

ARRIVALS :*October 11th*

Sister Barbara Loraine Phillips
 Sister Barbara Barnes
 Elder Derek Gent
 Elder Robert Madsen
 Elder Darrell James Burns

October 24th

Elder Edwin Brown Firmage
 Elder Richard Henry Bowen

From

Duncan, Arizona
 Ogden, Utah
 Tremonton, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah

Assigned to

Scotland
 Nottingham
 Leeds
 Hull
 Manchester

Provo, Utah
 Fresno, California

Leeds
 Birmingham

TRANSFERS :

Elder Terry Harrop
 Elder Robert G. Torney
 Elder James E. Chapman
 Sister Betty Norseth
 Elder Robert Rasmussen
 Elder Fred Kellet Birkhead
 Elder Dix K. Waddell

From

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 Leeds District
 Scotland District
 Nottingham District
 Hull District
 Wales District
 Manchester District

To

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Date

October 4th
 October 10th
 October 12th
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 October 14th
 October 14th
 October 15th

APPOINTMENTS :

Elder Thomas J. Jones
 Elder Sidney J. Atkin
 Elder Thomas E. Shilton
 Elder Franklin K. Shreeve
 Elder Ronald S. Eliason
 Elder Larry W. Petersen
 Elder Reed Richards Callister
 Elder Bruce H'inkley Robinson
 Elder Fred Kellet Birkhead
 Elder Karl George Wood
 Elder Charles Welsh Taggart
 Sister Frances M. Kelland

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RELEASES :*September 11th*

Sister Jean Duncan
 Sister Marilyn Kay Burnham

October 14th

Elder Melvin George Redgers

October 28th

Elder Rodney Howard Brady

Elder Gayle Edwards Baddley

From

Salt Lake City, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah

Bromley, Kent

Sandy, Utah

Willard, Utah

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Elder Joe Kent Kerby
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Elder Delbert Rey Standage

Elder Sheldon Clark Snow
Elder Maurice Leon Benson

Sister Dorothy Eileen O'Neil
November 13th
Elder Cecil Smith Sumner
November 26th

Elder James Lewis Beecroft
Elder Robert Foster Bennett
Elder Charles Richard Devey
Elder George Douglas Durrant
Elder Sheldon Mahlon Edwards
Elder Neil John Ferrell
Elder Terry Eugene Harrop

Elder Kenneth Ross Howes
December 1st
Sister Gwen Le McKinley
December 11th
Elder Kenneth G. H. Blair
Elder Gary Ray Bascom

Sister Elaine Reiser

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¶ Supervising Elder

Note: Elder Willie D. Pitcher and Sister Rosie P. Pitcher of Cornish, Utah, were transferred to a Mission within the United States, November 1st, 1955. They served in Scotland and Hull Districts.

RELEASED



Sister
Marilyn K. Burnham



Sister Jean Duncan



Elder
Melvin G. Redgers



Elder
G. Edwards Baddley



Elder
Rodney H. Bradey



**Elder
N. Edward Hoopes**



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Murray S. McInnes**



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**Sister
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PRAYER FOR PEACE

AT CHRISTMASTIDE - 1955

There is a measure of God's good earth,
Whereon a Virgin, in travail of birth,
Gave to the World a Son—the Prince of Peace;
And heav'nly choirs rejoiced without surcease.

O sacred spot! To thee I fain would fly;
E'en on imagination's inward eye!
To muse awhile about that hallow'd sod;
To ponder peace—the Word divine—and God.

Peace? O, World, this lesson must thou fail?
All earth's inhabitants do at this moment quail
Beneath the awful threat of carnage red:
Because by cruel ambition some are led.

If I should stand where Jesus Christ was born,
I would be centred 'mid emotions—torn
By possession, rights, tradition.
'Tween Jew and Gentile bold—without contrition.

Dear Lord—in this World's wide and mighty plan:
Is there no other way for erring man
To settle differences—except by war?
Is man withdrawn from thee—gone too far?

Prevail! O Judah! the prophets did proclaim!
But, smirch not thy scroll with war-won fame:
Know not that on thy Promised land,
He who gave means of Peace did stand?

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Forgive impertinence, dear Lord, in asking this of Thee,
It is that I am irked by incongruity:
As Judah goadeth Ishmael—and Ishmael rails the Jew,
Across that blessed plot where once the Roman eagle flew,
To authorise for Jewry's spite—
The Crucifixion—
O, dark night!
Give Peace, O Lord,
Lest all should perish by the sword.

J. P. H.

Season's Greetings